

Medal of Valor Is Highlight of Banquet

Birmingham's city employees were honored at a recognition banquet last Thursday night.

Highlight was the award of the city's first medal of valor to Police Sgt. Richard Brown.

Three 25-year employees also shared the spotlight: City Clerk Irene Hanley and Frederick Kemp and Samuel Snell.

The banquet was held in the cafeteria of the Ford tractor and implement division offices on E. Maple road. Ford tractor general manager Merritt Hill and Mrs. Hill sat at the speaker's table.

Sgt. Brown received his honor for answering a routine call Oct. 2, 1957, only to find he had to fight a gun battle with an ex-convict, who later died.

Brown was wounded in the chest.

SAID CITY Commissioner Charles Renfrew, who presented the medal: "The swift, courageous action of Sgt. Brown in overcoming tremendous odds in performing his sworn duty of protecting life and property, at the risk of giving his own life if necessary, brought quick justice to a murderous felon."

Renfrew then expressed to them the city's and the citizens' appreciation for his valor.

Mayor William E. Roberts earlier made a few program remarks. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley was toastmaster.

Here are the more detailed facts of the 30-year and 25-year service and retired employees who were recognized for special attainment:

IRENE HANLEY
A 25 year service pin, certificate and a 25 year watch, signed as follows: "In recognition of 25 years service, City of Birmingham, 1932 to 1957, Irene Hanley, was presented to Miss Hanley."

Miss Hanley started as village clerk on March 16, 1932. Her position changed to that of city clerk on March 1, 1933. She is an exceptionally conscientious and capable employee who has no concept of what a week is. She spends many evenings and weekends in her office. She is a devoted mother and clerk in order that all her records may be up-to-date and in order. She continually improves methods of doing her work.

Miss Hanley has never missed a

work day in the past 25 years. She has been a mechanic in the Birmingham area since coming to Birmingham in 1924. He is a mechanic for the Birmingham board of education where he has been the maintenance of their large fleet of buses and other mobile equipment. His work in the department is reflected by the fact that he has, in the past 25 years, worked on all major fires since joining the department.



Receive 25-Year Watches
Fred Kemp (left) and Samuel Snell look at the watches presented by the city of Birmingham honoring their 25 years with the volunteer fire department. Awards were presented last Thursday at the annual city employees recognition night.

ELMER HAACK
Haack started to work as the city assessor for the City of Birmingham on January 1, 1937, and continued in that position until March 30, 1956. He was born in Southfield township and graduated from Birmingham high school. He served for many years on the board of supervisors for the City of Birmingham. He was chairman of the equalization committee; chairman of the city's health committee; chairman of the committee of the equalization committee of the city of Birmingham. During his service as chairman of the equalization committee, he was instrumental in the valuation rose from \$13,400,000 to nearly \$45,000,000.

DONALD BOBERT
Bobert started to work on June 1, 1929, as building inspector for the City of Birmingham. He was promoted to the position of city manager on December 1, 1936. With the exception of a period from 1945 through 1946 when he volunteered for active military service, he served continuously as city manager until his retirement on September 4, 1956.

Ebert's many years of devoted service to Birmingham were not completed upon his retirement for he has accepted the position of the engineer-manager of the South Oakland County garbage and rubbish authority and the South Oakland county water authority in which position he continues to serve not only Birmingham but other communities in this area. Anyone desiring expert knowledge on tree data or seeking where to buy the best quality trees should contact Mr. Ebert for we are told that he has an unqualified recommendation for the Bayport Nursery.

MRS. FERN THATCHER
Fern started to work for the City of Birmingham as a patrolman on May 1, 1934, and retired July 1, 1956. At the time of her retirement she was the purchasing secretary for the city administration. She is presently living in Haledale, Fla.

LT. HENRY TIMM
Lt. Timm started to work for the City of Birmingham as a patrolman on July 16, 1929. He rose through the ranks to the position of lieutenant where he aided in the creation of the juvenile department and headed up that department for a number of years prior to his retirement on Jan. 10, 1958. He is now living in Bradenton, Fla.

ROBERT EMMETT
Emmett started as a patrolman in the Police department on July 23, 1930, and rose through the ranks to sergeant from which he retired on April 3, 1956. Emmett is presently living in South Bend, Ind.

VICTOR MCKINLEY
McKinley started to work for the Department of Public Works on May 27, 1935. He retired from the position of truck driver for the department on July 19, 1957. His retirement was due to a disability which also prevented him from attending the Employees Recognition Banquet.

City Clerk Honored

Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley receives her 25-year recognition from City Commissioner Charles Renfrew. Awards were made at last Thursday's city employee recognition banquet.

Stanley Pepperell, 1st Asst. Fire Chief

Stanley Pepperell, 1st Asst. Fire Chief, 30 year certificate and pin was presented to First Assistant Fire Chief, Stanley Pepperell. Incident: Chief Pepperell received his 25 year watch at the last banquet. Chief Pepperell joined the department on July 1927, as a fireman. He was promoted to captain on July 1, 1943, to master fire captain on March 1, 1949, assistant chief on January 29, 1951. Chief Pepperell is in charge of the training program in the Fire Department and is second in command in the department.

WILLARD BROWN
Brown started work at the old department of public works garage that was located approximately where Hamilton intersects with Hurst Boulevard. The building was a cement block building that was adjacent to the then-existing Grand Trunk Railroad tracks.

He started work on April 1, 1927, as a laborer 64¢ an hour. At that time the department of public works crew consisted of 10 men. He rose through the ranks of the D.P.W. and in 1930 was promoted to foreman.

During the depression, if a resident of the City of Birmingham was delinquent in his water bill, he was sent to work on the street crew that Brown was foreman of.

As a foreman in charge of all street and sidewalk maintenance, Willard was frequently called out to any place where there was a problem to be solved. He was in charge of the D.P.W. and in 1930 was promoted to foreman.

Willard retired on October 16, 1957, after 30 years of service to the City of Birmingham. He is a resident of the city and is a member of the Birmingham board of education where he has been the maintenance of their large fleet of buses and other mobile equipment. His work in the department is reflected by the fact that he has, in the past 25 years, worked on all major fires since joining the department.

GEORGE McDONALD
McDonald started to work for the City of Birmingham on May 21, 1945. He retired on June 1, 1956, from the position of truck driver for the department of public works. George was employed to spend the many long hours of duty required during winter months to remove snow from the city streets. George has been able to take some of those well deserved fish fests that he dreamed of during his active employment, and last summer he spent about six weeks making a trip throughout the west.

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On Those
Amazing Birmingham Eccentric
Classified Ads!

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, 5 P.M.

CASH RATE: 6¢ per word. \$1.20 minimum.

CHARGE RATE: 30¢ additional if not paid by Saturday Noon following insertion.

Repeat Ads: 20% discount if run consecutively, \$1.20 minimum.

Eccentric Box Numbers: 30¢ additional.

Out-of-town ads payable in advance of deadline time, 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Cancellations may not be made after 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Claims for errors must be made with 10 days following insertion.

PHONE Midwest 4-1100

1. Lost and Found

LOST: LADY'S COLORED WRIST watch, white gold, with diamond, black leather strap. Found on E. 12th St. near 1st Ave. Call 4-1100.

FOUND: SMALL WHITE BOY, 4 years old, missing tooth, black hair, black eyes. Found on E. 12th St. near 1st Ave. Call 4-1100.

2. Announcements—Notices

MAGICIAN
Specializing in children and adult parties. Phone Midwest 4-5037.

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INCOME TAX SERVICE
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